

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 13 ~~[[4]]~~ wherein the flap defines substantially the entirety of a bottom surface within the expanded container.

5. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 14 ~~[[4]]~~ wherein expansion of the container to an expanded position creates an interference fit between the flap and at least one juncture between two adjacent walls, the interference fit frictionally maintaining the container in the expanded position.

6. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 13 ~~[[4]]~~ wherein at least one of the walls defines a hole therein through which the cord is threaded.

7. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 13 ~~[[4]]~~ wherein the walls, flap and lid fold to a substantially flat, collapsed position.

8. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 13 ~~[[4]]~~ wherein the walls, flap and lid are of unitary construction.

9. (Original) The container of claim 8 wherein the lid is an extension of a wall, and wherein the flap is an extension of a wall.

10. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 13 ~~[[4]]~~ wherein the walls are oriented perpendicular to the flap when in the expanded position.

11. (Original) The container of claim 10 wherein the walls that are adjacent one another are oriented perpendicular to one another.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The container of claim 12~~ An expandable container comprising at least two walls pivotably coupled along a juncture so as to lie substantially flat in a collapsed position, a flap pivotably coupled to at least one of the walls, a pull cord coupled to the flap such that pulling only the cord in a single direction pivotably moves the flap relative to the walls thereby expanding the walls apart from one another from the collapsed position to an expanded position, a lid pivotably coupled to at least one of the walls for pivotable movement between at least an open position in which the lid exposes an opening defined by the expanded container and a closed position in which the lid closes the opening, the cord being adapted to be disposed over the lid and be removably received and retained within at least one slot defined by at least one of the walls to retain the lid in the closed position, wherein expansion of the container to an expanded position creates an interference fit between the flap and at least one juncture between two adjacent walls, the interference fit frictionally maintaining the container in the expanded position.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The container of claim 12~~ An expandable container comprising at least two walls pivotably coupled along a juncture so as to lie substantially flat in a collapsed position, a flap pivotably coupled to at least one of the walls, a pull cord coupled to the flap such that pulling only the cord in a single direction pivotably moves the flap relative to the walls thereby expanding the walls apart from one another from the collapsed position to an expanded position, a lid pivotably coupled to at least one of the walls for pivotable movement between at least an open position in which the lid exposes an opening defined by the expanded container and a closed position in which the lid closes the opening, the cord being adapted to be disposed over the lid and be removably received and retained within at least one slot defined by at least one of

the walls to retain the lid in the closed position, wherein the flap defines substantially the entirety of a bottom surface within the expanded container.

15-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) The container of claim 14 wherein at least one of the walls defines a hole therein through which the cord is threaded.

22. (New) The container of claim 14 wherein the walls, flap and lid fold to a substantially flat, collapsed position.

23. (New) The container of claim 14 wherein the walls, flap and lid are of unitary construction.

24. (New) The container of claim 14 wherein the lid is an extension of a wall, and wherein the flap is an extension of a wall.

25. (New) The container of claim 14 wherein the walls are oriented perpendicular to the flap when in the expanded position.

26. (New) The container of claim 25 wherein the walls that are adjacent one another are oriented perpendicular to one another.